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Panchayat Awards
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various awards given by the Government for encouraging the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country;
(b) the details of awardees during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount of award granted, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether any of these awards including Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) has been discontinued by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government has introduced any alternative award in lieu of the discontinued one; and
(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

(a) : Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been encouraging the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country through the following category of awards :

(i) Incentives have been given to the best performing Panchayats under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) since 2011-12. From 2013-14, PEAIS has been subsumed in the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA). Under RGPSA, Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskars (PSPs) are given to best performing Panchayats at the level of District, Intermediate and Gram across the States/Union Territories (UTs) in recognition of the good work that is done for improving delivery of services and public goods.
(ii) Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha (RGGS) Puraskar was instituted in the year 2010 in order to incentivize, appreciate and encourage the Gram Panchayats of the country, for outstanding performance, through effective Gram Sabhas, especially in respect of creating improvements in the social and economic structure of the village.
(iii) e-Puraskar is given to incentivize States/UTs to adopt and implement the Panchayat Enterprise Suite Applications, automate the internal work flow processes of Panchayats and equivalent Rural Local Bodies, enable electronic delivery of services making them more transparent, accountable and effective organs of decentralized self-governing institutions.

(b) : The State/UT-wise details of awardees along with the amount of award given during each of the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure.

(c) to (e) : As stated in reply (a) above, PEAIS has been subsumed in the RGPSA with effect from 2013-14.